

## 2018 – 2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Period (OEP) Timeline

2018	
Early September	Social Security checks if some Extra Help (Low-Income Subsidy) clients can still qualify. They must reply or they'll lose their coverage at the end of 2018.
Late September	CMS mails the <i>Medicare &amp; You</i> handbook.
September 30	Current plan members must receive Annual Notice of Change (ANOC)
October 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizations may start marketing plans for 2019.</li> <li>• TENTATIVE date Medicare posts 2019 plan and drug benefit data on the Medicare Plan Finder.</li> </ul>
October 2	People whose 2018 plan is leaving the Medicare program in 2019 must get notices from plans.
Early October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TENTATIVE timeframe for SHIBA to publish paper copies of 2019 Part D plan lists.</li> <li>• TENTATIVE timeframe for SHIBA to post online Medicare Advantage plan lists for sale in Washington state by county.</li> </ul>
October 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last date employer/union and other group health plans must tell enrollees whether or not their drug coverage is creditable.</li> <li>• <b>2018 Annual OEP starts.</b></li> </ul>
December 7	<b>2018 Annual OEP ends.</b>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Security Benefit Rate Change Notice- Tells people about benefit changes and Medicare premiums due to cost of living increases, etc.</li> </ul>
2019	
January 1	Changes made during OEP take effect.
January 1 – March 31	<p><b>NEW!</b> Medicare Advantage OEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One-time option to change:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MAPD to MAPD</li> <li>○ MAPD to Original Medicare and a Part D plan</li> <li>○ Original Medicare and a Part D plan to MAPD</li> <li>○ MA Only plan to MA Only plan</li> <li>○ MA Only plan to Original Medicare</li> <li>○ Original Medicare to MA Only plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Medicare enrollment periods that occur annually

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
-GEP -January 1 – March 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part A (if not free*)</li> <li>• Part B</li> </ul> -For people who missed their IEP – Coverage starts July 1			-SEP for people who enrolled in Medicare A/B during GEP -April 1 – June 30  -Join: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part D Plan</li> <li>• MA Only Plan</li> <li>• MA –PD Plan</li> </ul> -All coverage begins July 1							-OEP for Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans -October 15 – December 7  -Join, drop switch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part D Plan</li> <li>• MA Only Plan</li> <li>• MA – PD Plan</li> </ul> -Coverage begins January 1		
-(NEW in 2019) -MA Open Enrollment Period -January 1 – March 31 -One-time option to change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAPD to MAPD</li> <li>• MAPD to Original Medicare and a Part D plan</li> <li>• Original Medicare and a Part D plan to MAPD</li> <li>• MA Only plan to MA Only plan</li> <li>• MA Only plan to Original Medicare</li> <li>• Original Medicare to MA Only plan</li> </ul>												
GEP = General Enrollment Period IEP = Initial Enrollment Period OEP = Open Enrollment Period SEP = Special Enrollment Period (This shows one of <i>many</i> SEPs)							MA = Medicare Advantage MA-PD = Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug coverage * If Medicare A is free, can enroll during IEP and any month afterward					